**Assignment for the BBC series *Life*: Episode “Challenges of Life” DUE DATE: 1/13/13**

*Create a presentation using the Keynote App that describes one of the species you observed in this video.*

*If you do not want to create a presentation, you may create a poster to perform this assignment*

**\*This assignment may be completed individually or in small groups (2-3 students)\***

**Your presentation must include the following components:**

* **The organism’s scientific name**
* **A brief description of the organism’s habitat**
* **The organism’s primary diet**
* **The typical lifespan of the organism**
* **Unique features/adaptations of the organism that increases its survival**
* **Typical brood size (amount of offspring in a litter of offspring)**
* **Its feeding interactions (is it prey or a predator and what organisms compete with it)**
* **Human impacts affecting the organism**
  + **For human impacts you must include a description of what human activities are negatively affecting the organism and what, if any, steps are being taken to reduce negative impacts of humans on the species**

**The presentation will be graded according to the following rubric:**

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|  | **1-4 points** | **5-8 points** | **9-10 points** |
| **Presentation Format** | **Presentation was poorly formatted; little thought went into designing the presentation** | **Presentation was well formatted; it was obvious much thought went into designing the presentation** | **Presentation format was outstanding; presentation was a professionally polished work product** |
| **Organism description** | **Organisms was poorly described; much information was missing about the organism’s life history strategies** | **Organisms were adequately described; all the key parts of the organism’s life history strategies were described in detail** | **Description of organism was outstanding; description went beyond the scope of the assignment** |
| **Human impacts affecting the organism** | **Little description of human impacts were included in the presentation** | **Human impacts to the organism were adequately described in the presentation** | **Description of human impacts to the organism was outstanding;** |
| **TOTAL Points possible** |  |  | **30 points total** |

**\*\* A minimum of one outside source must be cited from your research for your presentation. The source must be either a .org, .edu, or .gov website. No Wikipedia! You may use Wikipedia as a starting point, but not as a primary resource in your presentation. \*\***